

MISCELLANY

Under this department are ordinarily grouped: News Items; Letters; Special Articles; Twenty-five Years Ago column; California Board of Medical Examiners; and other columns as occasion may warrant. Items for the News column must be furnished by the fifteenth of the preceding month. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Coming Meetings

American Medical Association, Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 7-11, 1937. Olin West, M. D., 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, secretary.

California Medical Association, Del Monte, May 2-5, 1937. F. C. Warnshuis, M. D., 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, secretary.

Nevada State Medical Association, Reno, September 25-26, 1936. Horace J. Brown, M. D., 20 North Virginia Street, Reno, secretary.

Rocky Mountain Tuberculosis Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 28-29, 1936. Arnold Minnig, M. D., 638 Metropolitan Building, Denver, Colorado, secretary.

Medical Broadcasts*

The *American Medical Association* broadcasts have been discontinued for the summer months. A new series is under consideration for the autumn and winter of 1936-1937.

San Francisco County Medical Society.—The radio broadcast program for the San Francisco County Medical Society for the month of September is as follows:

Tuesday, September 1—KYA, 6 p. m.
Tuesday, September 8—KYA, 6 p. m.
Tuesday, September 15—KYA, 6 p. m.
Tuesday, September 22—KYA, 6 p. m.
Tuesday, September 29—KYA, 6 p. m.

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Los Angeles County Medical Association.—The radio broadcast program for the Los Angeles County Medical Association for the month of September is as follows:

Tuesday, September 1—KECA, 10:30 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.
Saturday, September 5—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.
Saturday, September 5—KFAC, 10:15 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.
Tuesday, September 8—KECA, 10:30 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.
Saturday, September 12—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.
Saturday, September 12—KFAC, 10:15 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.
Tuesday, September 15—KECA, 10:30 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.
Saturday, September 19—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.
Saturday, September 19—KFAC, 10:15 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.
Tuesday, September 22—KECA, 10:30 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.
Saturday, September 26—KFI, 9 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.
Saturday, September 26—KFAC, 10:15 a. m. Subject: Your Doctor and You.
Tuesday, September 29—KECA, 10:30 a. m. Subject: The Road of Health.

* County societies giving medical broadcasts are requested to send information as soon as arranged (stating station, day, date and hour, and subject) to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, for inclusion in this column.

Recent Exhibits in the Crummer Medical History Room of the University of California Medical School. These exhibits have included a display of material relating to the development of modern dental practices and anesthesia. This was arranged for the meeting of the American Dental Association held in San Francisco the early part of July.

During the Sylvatic Plague Conference held at the University of California Medical School in June, there was a special exhibit of material relating to plague in California. In this exhibit, in addition to scientific publications, there were pamphlets and news items relating to the controversy as to whether plague actually existed.

Physicians at University of California Summer School for Research.—Three distinguished physicians have joined the pharmacy laboratories of the University of California Medical School for research work throughout the summer.

Dr. S. A. Peoples, fellow in the Maudsley Hospital of London, and noted psychiatrist, is making a study of depressants on the central nervous system, as is Dr. P. K. Knoefel, former National Research Council Fellow at the Medical School.

Dr. George Emerson, head of the department of pharmacy in the University of West Virginia, is engaging in laboratory work on the problems of anesthetic shock.

Doctor Peoples has just been appointed assistant professor of pharmacy in the University of Louisville, and will take up his duties there in the fall.

Salesmanship Is Vital to Public Health.—A physician or surgeon should go to school all of his active life in order to keep adequately informed on the latest procedures, and the University of California Medical School will do what it can within its resources to bring this about.

This is the first declaration of policy of Dr. Williams McKim Marriott, who has just taken over his duties as dean of the school, succeeding Dr. Langley Porter, retired.

Not only should the doctors be kept fully informed professionally, but "the Medical School has a job of salesmanship on its hands to fully acquaint the public with what it is doing," Doctor Marriott said.

"It is the province of the Medical School to provide advanced education, in so far as possible, through organized postgraduate work. Naturally, we would like to see the time when doctors will not have to go East or to Europe for further study. We would like to give them the same advantages right here at home. While I was in the Medical School of Washington University, St. Louis, I had many students from California, and I presume that this is true in other eastern centers. It would be a fine thing if we could keep them here instead."

Regarding public health salesmanship, any such program must be dictated by extreme caution and conservatism, "which should make it all the more effective," he said. The school should be civic-minded as well as health-minded, with fullest cooperation being extended to such organizations as chambers of commerce and service clubs, in driving home the message of good health and well-being.

While in St. Louis, Doctor Marriott was a member of the board of directors of the Convention and Publicity Bureau of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. He has taken a temporary home in San Francisco with Mrs. Marriott and their 12-year-old son, McKim Marriott.

Rocky Mountain Tuberculosis Conference.—This year's session will be held at the Franciscan Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on September 28 and 29, 1936. Listed among the speakers are the following Californians, with their subjects:

When Should Artificial Pneumothorax Treatment Be Discontinued? by Munford Smith and Howard W. Bosworth of Barlow Sanatorium, Los Angeles.

Anesthesia to the Tuberculous, by Arthur E. Guedel, Professor of Anesthesiology, University of Southern California.

Tuberculosis in the Aged, by John W. Shuman, Associate Professor of Medicine, College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles.

Does Tuberculin Deserve a Place in the Therapy of Tuberculosis?—Thirty Years in Retrospect, by Harry C. Warren, California Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, Belmont.

For further information, address the secretary-treasurer, Arnold Minnig, M.D., 638 Metropolitan Building, Denver, Colorado.

New Payment Plans Outlined.—In an effort to help both the doctor and the patient, several new plans of payment have recently been announced by the Berkeley General Hospital. In order to avoid confusion in the minds of the profession, they are outlined below:

1. *Cash Payment in Advance.*—Traditional plan of collecting one week in advance.

2. *Patient's Installment Plan.*—The admission of responsible private patients with a small down payment and small weekly or monthly installment payments.

3. *Collection of Physicians' Fees.*—The extension of the installment plan to add doctor's professional fees to the patient's installment contract in any case where the doctor might feel that the hospital, because of the security behind its written agreement and its follow-up system, is in a better position to collect from the patient than he is. This medical credit service is entirely optional with the physician and is not taken up with the patient unless so requested by the physician.

4. *Part-Pay Medical and Dental Clinics.*—This plan is not open to private patients, but provides only for the care of deserving patients who, upon strict social service investigation, and with the consent of the last attending physician, have been found eligible for out-patient care or hospitalization by the clinic staff at reduced part-pay rates in small installment payments.

Interstate Postgraduate Association of North America.—The twenty-first International Assembly of the Interstate Postgraduate Medical Association of North America, under the presidency of Dr. David Riesman of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be held in the public auditorium of St. Paul, Minnesota, October 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, with preassembly clinics on Saturday, October 10, and postassembly clinics Saturday, October 17, in the hospitals of St. Paul.

The aim of the Program Committee, with Dr. George Crile as chairman, is to provide for the medical profession of North America an intensive postgraduate course covering the various branches of medical science. The program has been carefully arranged to meet the demands of the general practitioner, as well as the specialist. Extreme care has been given in the selection of the contributors and the subjects of their contributions.

In coöperation with the Minnesota State Medical Association, the Ramsey County Medical Society will be host to the Assembly and has arranged an excellent list of committees, who will function throughout the Assembly.

An invitation is extended to all members of the profession who are in good standing in their state or provincial societies to be present and enjoy the hospitality of the medical profession of St. Paul. A registration fee of \$5 will admit each member of the medical profession in good standing to all the scientific and clinical sessions.

A list of the distinguished teachers and clinicians who will take part on the program will be sent on application to the managing director.

Special railroad rates will be in effect.

For further information write Dr. W. B. Peck, managing director, Freeport, Illinois.

County Hospital Head Retires.—Norman R. Martin, executive superintendent of the Los Angeles County General Hospital, retired from that post today.

Martin, who had served the county for two long periods since 1915, recently submitted his resignation to the Board of Supervisors because of ill health.

He joined the county service in 1915, when he was named superintendent of charities. At that time he supervised all relief work and had charge of the county hospital and the county farm.

In 1917 he was named executive superintendent of the county hospital, in addition to his duties as superintendent of the charity department. He held the two offices until 1923, when he retired to enter private business.

In 1931 he returned to county service again as executive superintendent of the new hospital, and supervised the occupancy of the new unit.

He won national prestige for his administrative work in the big institution. And today, as he retired, he received hundreds of tributes from fellow workers at the institution and many private citizens.—*Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express*, August 15, 1936.

Pacific Association of Railway Surgeons.—The thirty-fourth annual meeting was held at Reno, Nevada, September 4 and 5. Headquarters were at the Riverside.

The program included the following papers:

Address of the president, Dr. D. H. Moulton.

Industrial Aspects of Lead, Arsenic, and Mercury; Carbon Tetrachlorid, Benzene, etc., Dr. Verne R. Mason of Los Angeles.

The Traumatic Faker, William Raines, Esq., of Los Angeles.

Fracture Symposium: The Newer Methods of Treatment.

Historical Notes on the Development of Orthopedic Surgery (illustrated), Dr. L. D. Prince of San Francisco.

The Important Role of the (1) Eye and (2) Ear Specialist in Industry, (1) Dr. R. A. Woodhull, Los Angeles; (2) Dr. H. B. Graham, San Francisco.

The Radical Repair of Hernias, with Fascial Sutures (Motion Picture), Dr. H. G. Holder of San Diego.

Chlorid Depletion: Its Surgical Significance, Doctors Curtis E. Smith and Alson R. Kilgore of San Francisco.

The Hazards of Hypertension, Dr. Philip King Brown of San Francisco.

Coffey-Humber Malignancy Research, Doctors W. B. Coffey, F. D. Humber; H. H. Beard, Professor of Biochemistry, Louisiana State University.

Late Lues in Railway Employees, Dr. John M. Graves of San Francisco.

Mussel Poison Ban Extended to Southern Counties. Like Mata Hari, the famous woman spy of war-time Paris, the phosphorescent sea glow-worm of the southern coast of California is beautiful but dangerous, for it is one cause of the much-feared shellfish poisoning.

For several years the State Board of Health has enforced a rigid quarantine on sea mussels from Monterey County north to the Oregon line during the summer months. This year, however, owing to the death of two Los Angeles residents who ate mussels gathered from a Ventura County beach, the ban has been extended south of Monterey Bay for the first time.

The Ventura outbreak marked the first time that toxic mussels had been discovered south of Monterey. Now investigations are being conducted as far south as the Mexican border to prevent new attacks of this deadly poison.

The source of shellfish poisoning was unknown for many years, during which it was claiming lives every season. Then the Hooper Foundation of the University of California, after exhaustive research, found that the mussels were made poisonous by the presence in the water of microscopic animal organisms, or protozoa, swept to the surface of the ocean by off-shore currents. Further study revealed that the glow-worms, which produce beautiful marine displays off the Southern California coast, are also a source of the paralytic poison which may cause death within two hours after eating infected shellfish.

American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.—The next written examination and review of case histories of Group B applicants by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology will be held in various cities in the United States and Canada on Saturday, November 7, 1936.

Application blanks and booklets of information may be obtained from Dr. Paul Titus, secretary, 1015 Highland Building, Pittsburgh (6), Pennsylvania. Applications for this examination must be filed in the secretary's office sixty days prior to the scheduled date of examination.

A Newspaper Item of Interest to All Physicians and Surgeons Licensed in California.—The following article appeared in *Clinical Osteopathy*, Vol. 32, No. 1, p. 21, July, 1936. *Clinical Osteopathy* is published monthly by the California Osteopathic Association at 799 Kensington Road, Los Angeles. The excerpt follows:

CALIFORNIA DRUGLESS LICENTIATES MAY QUALIFY FOR
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

"At a meeting held June 29 to July 1 in Los Angeles, the California Board of Osteopathic Examiners adopted a resolution which opens the way for a number of drugless licentiates heretofore barred from obtaining a physician and surgeon certificate to obtain such certificate with a minimum of sacrifice of time from practice.

"Drugless licentiates who have completed the necessary premedical courses as prescribed by the State Medical Practice Act, and who comply with Section 10 of this Act, may now take a minimum of one trimester at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons to qualify for the examination in additional subjects necessary to become eligible for a physician and surgeon certificate. These subjects are: biochemistry; advanced bacteriology and pathology; surgery; materia medica, pharmacology and therapeutics; general medicine, including clinical microscopy; advanced obstetrics and gynecology.

"This will be welcome news to drugless licentiates who have desired to obtain the physician and surgeon certificate, but have been unable to do so because of the unduly large sacrifice of time heretofore necessary to become qualified.

Public Health Administration in Sacramento.—Dr. Herbert F. True, City Health Officer of Sacramento, has issued the report of the Sacramento City Health Department for the year ending December 31, 1935. This report presents a careful and interesting account of the activities of an efficient municipal department of public health.

At a per capita cost of 78 cents, reduced to a net cost of 30 cents through revenues from fees, the people of Sacramento are provided with adequate safeguards to the health of the community. During 1935 no epidemics of food poisoning occurred in Sacramento, although many outbreaks occurred in various communities scattered throughout the state. Tuberculosis did not increase greatly in prevalence and, as a result of better housing and economic conditions, there was a marked lowering in the number of pneumonia cases. Rabies was kept under control, and Doctor True refers to the fact that the police dog is seen less frequently. Records show that the slashing, cutting injuries from this particular animal are of frequent occurrence. The infant mortality rate rose slightly and a limited outbreak of smallpox occurred. Diphtheria gained a considerable start in one school district, the health officer recording with regret 138 cases with four deaths. Doctor True believes that all of these cases and deaths were avoidable and makes the following comment: "Many parents who will give a child life insurance policy protection, and even fire protection against the loss of a home, neglect this health protection so vital to the little one." Scarlet fever and measles showed increases in prevalence, as was common throughout most of the cities and states.

The Sacramento City Department of Health is organized into twelve divisions—Administration, Public Health Nursing, Child Hygiene, Clinics, Dental Clinic, Emergency Hospital, Laboratories, Sanitation, Food and Market

Inspection, Plumbing Inspection, Animal Welfare and Pound, and the Division of Cemeteries. It will be recognized that several of these activities are not ordinarily assigned to a department of public health, although some of the work done by each of such divisions may have a certain public health significance.

The department was entered for the fourth time in the United States Inter-Chamber Health Conservation Contest, advancing to sixth place from twentieth place in 1931, when the original entry was made.

In making a plea for private physicians to take part in the preventive portion of public health work, Doctor True makes the following quotation from an address by Dr. Howard Morrow, President of the California State Board of Public Health:

"Today many children die in the morning of life, and men and women die prematurely from diseases that are controllable or preventable by methods already available.

"These methods are not alone sanitation nor other impersonal procedures such as quarantine, food protection measures, etc., but include that most important need of a close coöperation between patient and physician.

"The full-time public health officer is in a most favorable position to lead in calling the attention of the public to the value of this close physician-patient relationship and to urge its establishment and continuance."

LETTERS

Concerning contribution of California Medical Association to Lane Library.

July 23, 1936.

Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis
California Medical Association
450 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Doctor Warnshuis:

Doctor Chandler sent me the check from the California Medical Association and I wish to thank you again for all your kindness to us. We appreciate the generous donation of the Association and are very grateful for the help they are giving us.

Very sincerely,

LOUISE OPHÜLS,
Librarian, Lane Medical Library.

Concerning California Medical Association contribution to Barlow Medical Library.

Los Angeles, July 22, 1936.

Frederick C. Warnshuis, M.D.
Secretary, California Medical Association
Four Fifty Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Doctor Warnshuis:

I take great pleasure, in behalf of the Barlow Medical Library, of accepting the check of the California Medical Association representing the per membership contribution to the Library.

Very sincerely,

E. VINCENT ASKEY, Secretary.

Concerning placement of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards of the State of California on the mailing list of California and Western Medicine.

Sacramento, August 6, 1936.

Dear Doctors: Answering your letter of July 23, 1936, advising me that you had placed my name upon the complimentary mailing list to receive your publication, I wish to express my thanks for your thoughtfulness. Being charged with a certain degree of supervision over the activities of medical groups, I am naturally interested in